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# PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02, VIII

#### A) Petition

Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application special and submits the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h). Authorization is hereby given to charge the fee for filing this Petition to deposit account 502191.

#### B) Claims

All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, then applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

## C) Search

A search was performed by the International Searching Authority (ISA) in the following classes and subclasses: 707/5; 710/65; and 717/161. A copy of the International Search Report is attached hereto for your reference. The following references were deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims: U.S. Patent No. 5,606,690 to Hunter et al.; and U.S. Patent No. 5,455,932 to Major et al.

## D) Copies Of The References

There is submitted herewith a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

Also attached is Form PTO-1449. (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

## E) Detailed Discussion Of The References

There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

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